

REQUIREMENTS FOR  
**HEARING IMPAIRED SPECIAL EDUCATION, BIRTH-GRADE 12 CERTIFICATE**  
ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION UNIT

➤ **PROVISIONAL HEARING IMPAIRED SPECIAL EDUCATION, BIRTH-GRADE 12 CERTIFICATE**

*The Provisional certificate is valid for 3 years and is not renewable, but may be extended once for 3 years.*

Requirements for the Provisional Hearing Impaired Special Education certificate are:

1. Completed **Application for Certification**
2. Appropriate Fee (See *Application for Certification*)
3. A photocopy of your valid Arizona **IVP** fingerprint card (plastic).  
**NOTE:** *Effective January 1, 2008, per Arizona State Statute A.R.S. § 15-106, an applicant who applies for a teaching certificate shall submit an **Identity Verified Prints (IVP)** Fingerprint card. "Non-IVP" Arizona fingerprint clearance cards issued on or after January 1, 2008 will **NOT** be accepted.*
4. A Bachelor's or more advanced degree from an accredited institution. Official transcript(s) required.
5. Option A, B, or C:
  - A. Completion of a teacher preparation program in hearing impaired education from an accredited institution.
  - B. Forty-five semester hours of education courses from an accredited institution including 21 semester hours of special education courses for the hearing impaired and 8 semester hours of practicum.
    - Special Education courses shall include: 1. Survey of exceptional students; 2. Teaching methodologies for students with hearing impairment; 3. Foundations of instruction of students with hearing impairment; 4. Diagnostic and assessment procedures for the hearing impaired; and 5. Electives in hearing impaired (if needed).
    - **Two years** of verified full-time teaching experience in the area of hearing impaired in grades Prekindergarten – 12 may substitute for the 8 semester hours of practicum. Submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form signed and completed by the District Superintendent or Personnel/HR Director to verify teaching experience.
  - C. A valid Hearing Impaired Special Education certificate from another state.
6. Professional Knowledge Elementary Exam.  
**One of the following:**
  - A. A passing score on the *NES Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Elementary* **OR** A passing score on the AEPA Professional Knowledge Elementary (replaced by the NES Assessment).
  - B. A valid comparable certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Submit a notarized copy of the certificate.
  - C. Three (3) years of full-time teaching hearing impaired special education, birth - grade 12. Submit a [Verification of Teaching Experience](#) form signed and completed by the District Superintendent or Personnel/HR Director to verify teaching experience.
7. Subject Knowledge Hearing Impaired Special Education Exam.  
**One of the following:**
  - A. A passing score on the Subject Knowledge Hearing Impaired Special Education (26) portion of the Arizona Educator Proficiency Assessment (AEPA).
  - B. A valid comparable certificate from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. Submit a notarized copy of the certificate.
  - C. Master's degree from an accredited institution in Hearing Impaired Special Education.
8. Verification of state approved Structured English Immersion (SEI) training or comparable state approved SEI training from another state to qualify for the Provisional SEI endorsement. Option A if certified before August 31, 2006. Option B if certified on or after August 31, 2006:
  - A. Verification of one (1) semester hour or fifteen (15) clock hours of state approved SEI training.
  - B. Verification of three (3) semester hours or forty-five (45) clock hours of state approved SEI training.

**NOTE:** *The Provisional SEI endorsement is valid for three years. An additional three semester hours of state approved SEI training will be required to qualify for the Full SEI endorsement.*

*Individuals who hold an Arizona Full Bilingual or Full ESL endorsement are exempt from the SEI endorsement*

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*requirement. The requirement for a Provisional SEI endorsement may be waived for a period not to exceed one year for individuals who graduate from administrator or teacher preparation programs that are not approved by the Arizona State Board of Education and meet all other applicable certification requirements.*

9. Arizona Constitution (a college course or the appropriate examination).
10. U.S. Constitution (a college course or the appropriate examination).

**NOTE:** *If you otherwise qualify for the certificate but are deficient in Arizona and/or U.S. Constitution you have 3 years under a valid teaching certificate to fulfill the requirement, except that if you are teaching an academic course on History, Government, Social Studies, Citizenship, Law, or Civics, you have 1 year to fulfill the requirement(s).*

➤ **STANDARD HEARING IMPAIRED SPECIAL EDUCATION, BIRTH-GRADE 12 CERTIFICATE**

*The Standard certificate is valid for 6 years and may be renewed.*

Requirements for the Standard Hearing Impaired Special Education certificate are:

1. Qualify and hold the Provisional Hearing Impaired Special Education certificate for **2 years**.
2. **Two years** of verified full-time teaching experience during the valid period of the Provisional certificate may be used to convert the Provisional certificate to a Standard certificate. Submit a conversion form signed by the District Superintendent or Personnel Director verifying 2 years of full-time teaching experience during the valid period of the Provisional certificate being converted.
3. Verification of 3 semester hours or 45 clock hours of state approved Structured English Immersion (SEI) training or comparable state approved SEI training from another state to qualify for the Full SEI endorsement.  
**NOTE:** *Individuals who hold a Full Bilingual or Full ESL endorsement are exempt from the SEI endorsement requirement.*
4. A photocopy of your valid Arizona IVP Fingerprint Card (plastic) issued on or after January 1, 2008.  
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